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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Plans and Development, NPIC  
FROM: Chief, Imagery Analysis Division, CIA  
SUBJECT: Imagery Exploitation Module Concept Study - Proposals

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1. At the verbal request of [REDACTED] we have examined the subject proposals submitted by the [REDACTED] and by [REDACTED] and have reviewed the R&D development objectives dated 28 October 1965.

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2. In general, we concur with the concepts outlined in the objectives, since we have continually expressed our interest in improving the efficiency of the human interpreter by providing him with automated devices which would provide for expeditious handling and manipulation of the data and materials he requires. It appears, however, that the subject study overlaps, to a great extent, work that is presently being conducted under other R&D contracts. If such is the case, we recommend that the "Imagery Exploitation Module Concept Study" be deferred in order that it benefit from the results of current studies.

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3. Although we have not reviewed all of the proposals related to this study, it does not appear desirable to select an exploitation equipment manufacturer, such as [REDACTED] to perform a study of this type. From a practical standpoint, such an organization would in all probability be opinionated in recommending "appropriate" equipment; therefore, selection of an unbiased contractor would seem to be more advantageous.

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